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Success Story

INFORMATION DIRECTORATE ENGINEERS HONORED FOR COUNTER DRUG TECHNOLOGY EFFORTS



Two Information Directorate engineers, assigned to the Information and Intelligence Exploitation Division, received the 2001 Department of Defense (DOD) Counter Drug Technology Development Program Technical Agent of the Year Award in recognition of their efforts to enhance the military's counter drug capability. The DOD Counter Drug Technology Development Program Office presented the awards to Mr. Walter V. Gadz (pictured on right) and Mr. Herbert J. (John) Mucks (pictured on left) at the annual Technical Agent Symposium in Arlington, Virginia.



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Accomplishment

The Technical Agent of the Year Award recognizes individuals who are effective, efficient, and proactive in executing technology programs that meet the needs of the counter drug community. The program office cited Mr. Gadz and Mr. Mucks for their teamwork throughout the development process, ensuring delivery of individual software technologies (information extraction, visualization, and timeline analysis tools) as a single, seamless tool and not just individual capabilities. The directorate provided the software to Headquarters, US Southern Command in Miami, Florida; Headquarters, Joint Interagency Task Force, East Key West, Florida; and tactical analysis teams, making it one of the most widely used data analysis and display tools in the counter drug community.

Background

For years, the defense and intelligence communities primarily used timeline analysis to predict foreign government actions and response to world events. Software users can visualize events in time and geographically to reveal patterns that can be seen no other way. These patterns help analysts predict terrorist activity, narcotics activities, and other criminal behavior of suspects. They focus on investigations and limit wasted manhours. Timeline analysis also aids prosecutors in presenting clear, cohesive cases. The directorate provides this technology to civilian law enforcement agencies, which is consistent with the goals of the National Drug Control Strategy and the DOD mission.

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